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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

to the Borough of Tiverton

For the year ended 31st December, 1966

Town Hall,  
TIVERTON,  
Devon.

June, 1967.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1966.

The Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres. The area taken up by the 'built up' area of the borough has been increasing steadily over the last few years.

Social Conditions

Messrs. J. Heathcoat and its subsidiaries are the chief source of employment.

The Globe Elastic Thread Company, on the new industrial estate at Bolham Road, manufactures elastic thread, and is also associated with Messrs. J. Heathcoat & Co.

Messrs. Starkey Knight and Ford, now taken over by Messrs. Whitbread, have built large extensions at Howden Industrial Estate.

Fenton's Manufacturing Company have moved to large new premises at Bolham Road Industrial Estate, and continue to manufacture toilet requisites.

Poultry and egg packing are two smaller industries in the borough. Blundells School, a large public school is also situated in Tiverton.

Population of 1966 14,030.

Domestic Properties - As shown in Rates Book 1st April, 1966 4,595

Ratesable Value is £438,039

Estimated penny rate Product 1966-1967 = £1,870.

Old Age Pensioners Club, Amory House

This club now numbers 240 members, and continues to give valuable service to the aged people. The chiropody service started last year has been extended to four sessions per month.

The Central Council for Health Education

Tiverton Borough Council is one that contributes annually to this organisation whose work is of the greatest benefit to this department.

Medical Services

In view of the considerable difficulties which are experienced by people living on the west side of the River Tye in getting to Doctors Surgeries which are situate at the opposite end of the town, both the Warden of the Howden Estate Mrs. Dorna Wright and myself consider it very desirable that a Doctor's Surgery should be established on the west side of the bridge. This would have the effect of relieving the very considerable hardship experienced by older people having to travel about 1½ miles up hill in order to visit the Doctor.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u> 18.3 per 1000
Live (legitimate)	239	123	116	
Births (illegitimate)	15	6	9	
Still births			3	
Total live and still births	257			
Corrected birth rate				19.4 per 1000
Deaths	164	96	68	Death rate: 11.7 per 1000
Corrected death rate				9.6 per 1000

The Birth rate for England and Wales in 1966 was 17.7 per 1000 of the population.

The still Birth rate was 15.3 per 1000 births.

Death rate per 1000 for England and Wales was 11.7

Infantile mortality per 1000 for England and Wales was 18.9 per 1000 births.

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant neoplasm bronchus	8	2
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	16
Coronary disease, Angina	24	13
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
Other heart disease	3	4
Other circulatory disease	4	4
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	7	1
Bronchitis	4	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	7
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	1	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	1
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>68</u>

DEATHS FROM CANCER 1966

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Stomach	5	2
Bronchus	8	2
Breast	-	2
Uterus	-	1
Leukaemia	-	1
Other sites	18	9
	<u>31</u>	<u>17</u>

TOTAL CANCER DEATHS .. .. 48



CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1966 (inclusive)

Adrenal	--	Ovary	5
Antrum	1	Pancreas	14
Bile duct	--	Peritonei	5
Bladder	7	Pharynx	2
Bowels	22	Prostate	11
Brain	-	Rectum	7
Breast	35	Stomach	67
Bronchus	60	Testis	1
Face	1	Throat	2
Gall Bladder	5	Thyroid Gland	1
Kidney	2	Tongue	-
Larynx	1	Tonsil	1
Leg	1	Uterus	20
Liver	1	Vulva	-
Leukaemia	7	Vagina	-
Melanoma	1	Urethra	-
Maxilla	1	Lymphonotosis	4
Mouth	--	Other sites	74
Oesophagus	10		
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	155		369
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Cancer

As seen in the table on cancer over the past 14 years, deaths from bronchial cancer are overtaking those from gastric cancer.

Deaths from Lung Cancer over the whole of England and Wales were 26,398 in 1966.

Deaths from Gastric Cancer over the whole of England and Wales were 13,049.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home. No change

2. Domiciliary Midwifery. We have 2 district midwives. We are fortunate in having a M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called upon in difficult cases.

3. Laboratory Facilities. The Public Health Laboratory is a new building recently completed in Church Lane, Haverhill, Exeter.

4. Health Education. Smoking and Venereal Disease. Progress is being made in discouraging smoking among the general public. No action is taken on V.D. - incidence is very low, and from outside sources.

5. Chiropody Service. During the year this has been greatly extended and is mentioned in another section. There is a special service for the aged at Amory House.

6. Hospital Services. These have proved adequate throughout the year, but the District and Post Hill hospitals tend to be cluttered up with aged patients who do not really require hospital treatment but are not fit to live by themselves. The result is that they remain in hospital, having nowhere else to go. The Belmont Hospital is chronically full, and vacancies normally occur as a result of deaths. Maternity accommodation appears to be reasonably satisfactory, thanks to the short stay scheme. Infectious cases are sent to the Whipton Isolation Hospital, where accommodation is always adequate. A lift has at long last been installed at the Belmont Hospital. A Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital twice monthly on alternated Thursdays, with Doctor G.E. Adkins.

An eye specialist clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital on the 1st and 3rd. Wednesdays with Dr. Schwerdt in attendance.

7. Liaison Arrangements. Our local hospitals are largely staffed by general practitioners, which constitutes an advantage as regards liaison.

8. Institutional provision for Unmarried Mothers. None in the area.

9. Ambulance Facilities. No change.

10. Social workers in Mental Health and Mental Welfare Officers. Mr. J.G. Williams.

11. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Consultation Clinic Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m.

Dr. Tait and two health visitors attend in rotation.

Ophthalmic Clinic. Second Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance. By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics. Thursdays 9 - 12 a.m. Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m. by appointment Mrs. Bell, Speech Therapist in attendance.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. This centre is open weekly on Wednesdays 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

School Dental Service. Emergency treatment. Wednesday 9.30 - 11 a.m. Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Burnett first Friday in month.

Chiropody Clinic. Every Monday. Mr. Leaney in attendance all day. By appointment.

Ante-Natal Clinic. Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Run by District midwives and Health visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, care of baby etc.

Cervical Cytology. Second and fourth Monday evening of each month. Dr. Sybil Jones in attendance.

Hearing Assessment Clinic. Fourth Tuesday, alternate months Dr. M.J. Dunn in attendance.

The Attendances for 1966 at the Child Welfare Centre were as follows:-

Total infants attending for the first time	155
Total number of sessions held	52
No. of sessions held with Assistant County M.O.H.	25
No. of attendances during 1966 - infants	1255
No. of attendances during 1966 - 1 - 2 years	142
No. of attendances during 1966 - 2 - 5 years	162

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare Weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

#### Home Help Organisation

Based at the Clinic. Cases are dealt with direct through Miss Ashmole and Miss Warrington.

Orthopaedic Clinic was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year, Mrs. D.A. Birch the secretary, makes the appointments,

No. on register 3/1/66	238	Average weekly attendances	16
No. on register 31/12/66	208	No. of attendances	1090
Sessions held	75	Admissions - Adults	260
New cases	310	School age	26
Discharges	356	Under school age and infants	24
Admitted to hospital	80		
TOTAL			310

Mass Radiography Service

This valuable service continues to function smoothly, making fortnightly visits on Tuesdays to the Market Place.

Scheme for notification to M.O.H.'s of congenital defects apparent at birth.

No action taken under this scheme at present.

Scheme for provision of incontinence pads service.

No action taken. Need for this scheme in this borough is not apparent.

Prevalence of Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Scabies. None reported during the year.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be satisfactorily high.

Poliomyelitis

No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1966; see table below:-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925)

No action taken.

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES.

Age Period	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Meninges	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1	1	-	-	-

Total new cases ..... 2

Total deaths ..... -



Notifiable diseasesAge Incidence

Age Period	Scarlet Fever		Dysentery	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning
	M	F					
Under 1 year	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 2	6	1	-	-	-	-	-
3 - 4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	6	8	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 40	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
40 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	16	1	-	-	-	1

Notifiable diseases

Age Period	Measles		Whooping Cough		Acute Polio-myelitis	Meningo- coccal infec.	Acute Encephalitis
	M	F	M	F			
Under a year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	3	4	-	-	-	-	-
2 year	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
3 year	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
4 year	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	10	12	-	-	-	-	-

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Fluoridation. The natural content of the borough water supply is extremely low and no provision has yet been made to add fluoride artificially.

Sewage Disposal. The comparatively rapid growth of the town in recent years has caused the sewerage and sewage disposal systems to become overloaded. New sewage disposal works are now under construction and there are contracts for the relaying of the remainder of the sewerage system in the centre of the town, work on which has commenced.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON.

Medical Officer of Health.



REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

TO THE BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st January to 31st December 1966

Public Health Department,  
The Town Hall,  
TIVERTON.

May 1967.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
of the Tiverton Borough Council.

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

It is with pleasure I submit my  
twenty first annual report.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply

The Town's water supply, which is controlled by the North Devon Water Board, has been satisfactory in quality except for the small Warnicombe supply, and has been adequate in quantity.

The Allers public main water supply is obtained from the springs rising at Norwood Common and supplemented by pumping at Bolham from the River Exe, and the water is both filtered and chlorinated. The main part of the town is supplied from this source. Routine monthly check samples have shown the water at all times to be consistently satisfactory in quality.

In the case of the Warnicombe supply, the water is obtained from an adit driven into the North East slope of Newte's Hill. The raw water varies in quality, and chlorination has not been altogether successful. There is no filtration. Out of the total of 15 samples in the year, 5 were not satisfactory.

In the case of the Bampton/Cove supply, all 10 samples taken during the year proved satisfactory. The Butterleigh/Bickleigh supply and the new Bickham Moor supply are both chlorinated only, and the examination of 10 samples from each supply showed the quality to be consistently satisfactory. Raw water is sampled by the Water Board, and samples for chemical analysis are not taken by the Council. Fluoridation is not carried out. The Council owns and runs a swimming bath. The bath is an open one, and is in use only during the summer. The water is obtained from the public main supply, and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly satisfactory condition. Examination of 4 samples taken through the summer months showed the quality as consistently high, all samples being satisfactory.

The population of Tiverton Borough has risen to 14,030 and occupies 4,595 dwelling houses, including agricultural premises. Of these, 4,505 housing approximately 13515 persons are supplied from public mains, direct to the houses. A further 30 houses, housing approximately 90 persons are supplied from public mains by means of stand pipes.

The remainder of 60 houses have their own private supply.

MILK, MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

17 visits made to shops for the purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food. The following is a list of food condemned:-

<u>Description</u>	<u>Weight - lbs.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Weight - lbs.</u>
Tinned meat	170	Brought forward	517
Tinned ham	-	Tinned fruit juice	28
Fresh meat	-	Tinned cereal	18
Tinned fish	13	Tinned milk	30
Tinned vegetables	26	Tomatoe puree	13
Tinned fruit	224	Cheese	113
Fresh fish	84		
	517		719

Total weight of food condemned = 6 cwts 47 lbs.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Type of premises	No. of premises	No. fitted to comply Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	No fitted to comply Reg.19
Multiple Stores	4	4	4	4
Dairies	3	3	3	3
Butchers	12	12	12	12
Bakers	7	7	8	8
Fishmongers	2	2	3	3
Fish & Chip Friers	5	5	4	4
Restaurants & Cafes	10	10	10	10
Grocers	30	30	30	30
Chemists	5	5	-	-
Greengrocers	10	10	10	10
Confectioners	16	16	15	15
Licensed premises	27	27	27	27
Off-licence premises	5	5	4	4
Factory canteens	5	5	5	5
Hospitals etc.	6	6	6	6
School canteens	15	15	15	15
Boarding House, Accom.	18	18	18	18
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
	183	183	177	177

Inspections of food premises, stalls and vehicles .. .. 99  
 Visits to licensed premises .. .. 11

Registered premises under Sec. 16 of the Food & Drugs Act.

Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream . . . . . 58  
 Preparation for sale sausages or preserved foods . . . . . 25

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the  
Factories Act 1961.

INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Number of:

PREMISES	No. on register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which section 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	2		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	13	1	
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	67	67		
TOTAL	155	82	1	

## CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-

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PARTICULARS	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

Visits of inspection to outworkers premises .. .. 4

No. of outworkers required by Sec. 10

Class 1 . . . . . 7  
Class 29 . . . . . 31

DRAINAGENew Houses construction

Normal procedure is for consultation and inspection with the builder, prior to construction of drainage in connection with new house construction or alterations and rebuilding.

The department advises on the siting and design of drainage disposal plants where no public sewers are available.

All new drainage is tested and the number of tests applied to new drains during the year amounted to 215. 5 failed.

Inspection to work in progress amounted to 180 visits.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

<u>Water samples taken:-</u>		Brought forward	1005
Public Mains	66	Drainages - Inspections	180
Other premises & farms	12	Tests	215
Swimming bath	4	Disinfection & disinfection	47
<u>Food &amp; Drugs act:-</u>		Caravans	12
Food premises	79	Slum Clearance Inspections	
Licensed premises	11	& Revisits	44
Ice cream & preserved foods	4	Improvement Grants	123
Food shops re. condemned foods	17	Pet Animals Act	3
Factories Act	6	Animal Boarding Establishments Act	3
Inspections re: complaints	194	Rodent Control	33
Revisits re: complaints	199	Pet. & Explosives licensing	59
Clean air	7	Miscellaneous	16
Offices shops & Railway Prem	183	Means of escape in case of fire	1
Outworkers	4		
Dustbins	219		

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT  
1963

It will be seen that although a total of 183 visits were carried out during the year to the 174 premises registered in the borough, only 23 "general inspections" were made, being mainly confined to new registrations during the year. The balance of 160 visits were to premises where previously contraventions were known to exist, and these visits have not been classified as "general inspections."

Generally, co-operation of occupiers has been forthcoming in providing amenities which were lacking. There were no applications for exemption from provisions of the Act during the year and no prosecutions for contraventions.

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	4	43	5
Retail shops	12	122	15
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	9	3
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	18	174	23

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT, 183

Analysis of Contraventions found and rectified.

SECTION	CONTRAVENTION	No. Found
4	Want of cleanliness	2
6	Inadequate heating	1
	Absence thermometer	5
7	Inadequate ventilation	1

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Analysis of Contraventions found and rectified continued:

Section	Contravention	No Found
9 (Sanitary accomm.)	No artificial lighting Absence I.V.S. W.C.s not marked Inadequate Not provided Absence ventilation Not separate for sexes Otherwise unsuitable	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) 8
10 (Washing facilities)	Absence hot water Inadequate Not provided Not separate	) ) ) ) 7
16	Inadequate lighting to stairs Stairs obstructed Defective floors or stairs Absence of handrail	) ) ) ) 3
17	Lack of adequate guards	5
24	Inadequate first aid kits	10

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	301
Retail shops	517
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to public	48
Canteens	-
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	866
Total males	381
Total females	485

ACCIDENTS

During the year four accidents were reported; two in shops and two in offices.

Three persons fell on stairs and one person fell on slippery surface.

RODENT CONTROL

Annual report as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS	NON-AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	5,280	254
2. a Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	77	2
b Number infested by (i) rats	61	2
(ii) mice	24	-

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RODENT CONTROL

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	<u>NON-AGRICULTURAL</u>	<u>AGRICULTURAL</u>
3. a Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	73	36
b Number infested by (i) rats	26	14
(ii) mice	3	12

The following table shows the number of rats caught in traps at the various sites:-

1965	Premises	1966
26	Fire Station	47
21	Long Drag	56
25	J. Heathcoat & Co.	51
199	Hamlin & Sons Ltd., Mill, St. Andrew Street	248
256	Starkey Knight & Ford, Brewery	276
230	W.H. Punchard & Son, Haypark	171
140	Tiverton Roller Mills Co. Ltd.	112
159	Hamlin & Son, Mill, West Exe North	2 closed
12	Council depot, St. Andrew Street	18
12	Woodgates Car Park	16
27	South Western Farmers, Bolham Road	49
17	Globe Elastic Thread Co.	33
8	Underhill, Bolham Road	6
4	Post Hill Hospital	3
14	Knightshayes Estate Yard	2
13	Cottey Farm	20
15	Railway Yard	23
1222	total	1133

Three sewer treatments were carried out using Sodium Fluoracetamide, on the small section of the sewerage system which revealed limited infestation.

Fenn traps were permanently maintained on 17 premises where it was intended that the positioning of traps would intercept rats on possible routes into the town from the adjoining countryside. There are 14 concerns in the town which have contracts with the Council for the destruction of rodents. Visits to these premises vary in regularity from daily to once every six weeks according to need.

9 treatments of the Ashley Refuse Tip were carried out. 58 bodies were recovered, and the total estimated kill amounted to 820.

Mr. Tucker, the Council's rodent operator continued his valuable work in a quiet and efficient manner.

CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are three sites in Tiverton Borough licensed for caravans. Accommodation at the permanent residential site at "Underhill" Bolham Road is licensed for 35 caravans, and the holiday site at "The Orchard" Cove is licensed for 12 caravans. The third site at Riverside, Bolham is licensed for a single caravan only.

All sites are well maintained and organised.

SLUM CLEARANCEAreas demolished since May 1955

AREAS	NO. OF HOUSES DEMOLISHED	FAMILIES DISPLACED
Penny Park	2	2
West Exe South Area No. 1.	10	7
West Exe South Area No. 2.	48	45
Belmont Road	4	2
Candy's Court and Trickey's Court	7	5
Seward's Court	15	12
Wellbrook Street	3	3
Cowleymoor Cottages	3	3
Castle Terrace and The Works	9	7
Sharland's Square	10	9
Richard's Buildings	11	7
1 - 4 Jarmans Square	4	4
51 - 57 Chapel Street	4	2
4 - 22 Chapel Street	19	16
6, 8, 10, & 12 West Exe South)		
1 - 4 Riverside )	11	9
16/18 and 20/22 West Exe South)		
2 & 3 Hines Square	2	-
1, 2, 3, & 4 Peppers Square )		
42,44,46, & 48 Church Square )	8	3
1 to 19 Orchard View	19	18
6,7,8, & 9 Hammetts Square	4	3
Mount Pleasant, Chapel Street	1	1
Clarke's Row Clearance Area 1965	11	11
121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133 )		
135, 135a, 135b, 137, 141, 143 and )		
145 West Exe South )	35	32
1 - 13 Curwood's Court )		
2,3,4, & 5 Curwood's Buildings )		
1,2,4, & 5 Zetland Court )		
TOTALS	240	201

Areas confirmed but not yet demolished

AREAS	NO. OF HOUSES
<u>West Exe North Area 1964 No. 1</u>	
7,11, & 13 Wellbrook Street )	
9,11, & 13 Church Street )	12
1,2,3,4,5, & 6 Back Lane )	
<u>Gratton Terrace and Market Terrace Area 1964</u>	
1 to 15 Gratton Terrace )	21
1,2,3,4,6, & 8 Market Terrace )	
<u>Sunny Court Clearance Area 1965</u>	6
<u>Rudds Buildings Clearance Area</u>	10
<u>West Exe North Clearance Area</u>	
2 to 7 Prospect Place )	
2 and 5 Penny's Buildings )	8
TOTAL	57

Purchased by Council by agreement

AREAS	NO. OF HOUSES
18 & 20 St. Andrew Street,	2
TOTAL	2

#### COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered in the Borough of Tiverton.

#### PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

No. of new tanks tested during the year	6
No. of existing tanks tested during the year	17
No passed	23
No failed	-

Licences applied for storage of petroleum during year	39
No of licences re-issued .. .. .	36
New licences issued .. .. .	3

#### EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

26 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

59 inspections were carried out in connection with the two above Acts.

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In the case of Improvement Grant applications, houses are inspected and advice given on the reconstruction, alternations or improvements.

During the year 19 applications were received for standard grants for premises and 24 Council properties, approval being given in all cases. Improvement work was completed in the case of 22 premises during the year, and Completion Certificates were issued.

Applications for Discretionary Grants were approved in respect of 4 dwellings in the year, and in all cases the Council agreed to a 40% grant of the cost of approved works. 50% in future. Completion Certificates were issued for the improvement work at 3 properties.

Since grants were first available for the improvement of houses, this Council has approved financial assistance for 271 houses improved by way of Standard Grant and 125 improved by means of Discretionary Grant



Conclusion

I record my appreciation of the invaluable help in carrying out the duties of the department of Mr. Hutt. I also wish to thank Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. May and Mr. Tucker for their conscientious work.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES.

Chief Public Health Inspector.